Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Americans have a long history of rising to meet humanitarian challenges, and the American Red Cross is a leader in these efforts; and,

Whereas, Since 1881, the American Red Cross has met disaster with compassion and courage. Since 1907, the Red Cross has served the citizens of South Dakota in times of need; and,

Whereas, During American Red Cross Month, we honor this dedication and reaffirm the importance of volunteering time and contributing resources to make our communities and the world better; and,

Whereas, Red Cross Chapters from across South Dakota responded to the floods in Aberdeen, fires in the western part of South Dakota, and stand ready at a moment's notice to assist in weather related and other disasters; and,

Whereas, From offering blood drives and lifesaving courses to providing disaster relief services at home and abroad, American Red Cross employees and volunteers work countless hours to care for those in need and serve a cause greater than self; and,

Whereas, The American Red Cross helps support our troops by transmitting emergency messages to members of the Armed Forces and their families; and,

Whereas, These good works provide hope and healing to those dealing with profound loss and demonstrate the character of the American Red Cross; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that, as Governor of the state of South Dakota, I applaud and recognize the selfless dedication of generations of Red Cross staff and volunteers:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2008 as

RED CROSS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State